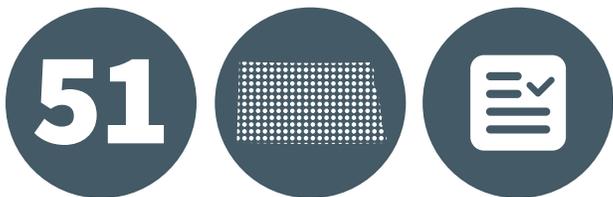
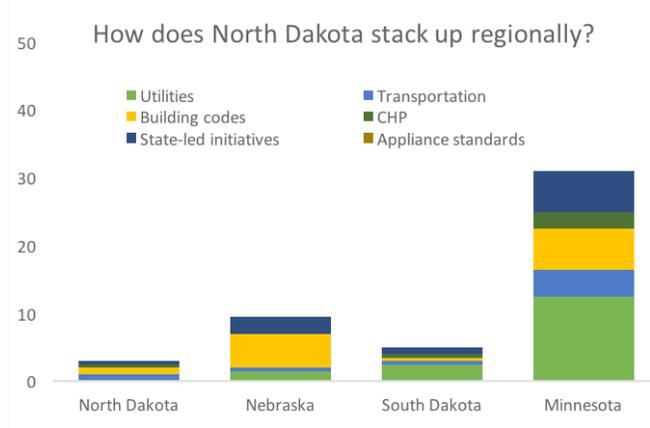
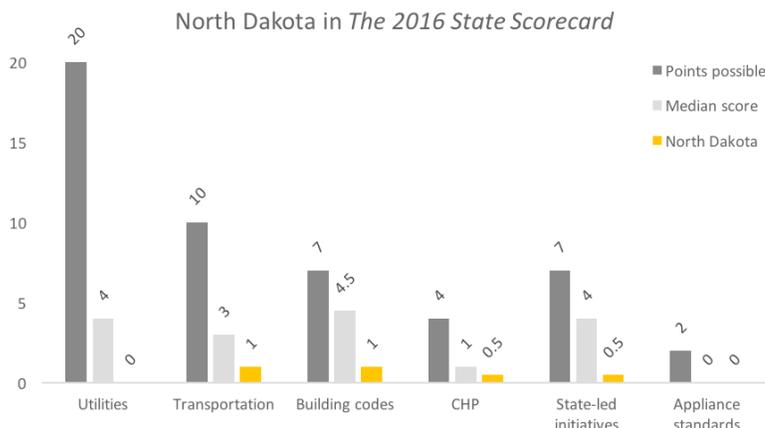


North Dakota



North Dakota ranked 51st in the 2016 *State Energy Efficiency Scorecard*, the same position it held in 2015. The state scored 3 points out of a possible 50, one point less than it earned last year.



UTILITIES

North Dakota earned 0 points out of 20 for its utility policies and programs. Utilities do not treat energy efficiency as a utility system resource; therefore, they run a very limited number of programs. They did not report spending on electricity efficiency programs, and achieved very low levels of electricity savings. There is significant room for improvement in this area, although state leadership has not expressed interest in pursuing energy efficiency as a utility resource.



TRANSPORTATION

North Dakota earned 1 point out of a possible 10 points for transportation policies. The state integrates transportation and land-use planning and has a comprehensive freight plan, although opportunities remain to adopt concrete freight targets or performance measures for energy efficiency. In general, North Dakota has not pursued policies that encourage efficient transportation systems.



BUILDING ENERGY CODES

North Dakota earned 1 point out of 7 for its building energy code stringency and compliance efforts. North Dakota is a home rule state, so energy codes are adopted and enforced at the jurisdictional level. The state has voluntary standards in place that jurisdictions may choose to enforce, including conditions of the 2009 IECC.



COMBINED HEAT & POWER

North Dakota scored 0.5 out of 4 points for its combined heat and power policies. The state offers incentives for the deployment of CHP, but has not otherwise pursued policies to encourage the development of cost-effective and efficient CHP. No new CHP installations were completed in 2015.



STATE GOVERNMENT-LED INITIATIVES

North Dakota scored 0.5 out of 7 points for state-led energy efficiency initiatives. One grant program is available for energy efficiency investments. The state government does not lead by example through specific energy efficiency goals or initiatives, and there are no research centers focused on energy efficiency within the state.



APPLIANCE STANDARDS

North Dakota has not set appliance standards beyond those required by the federal government.



HIGHLIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

This is the fourth year North Dakota has ranked at the bottom of the *State Scorecard*, and regulators and policy-makers have not indicated that they are interested in pursuing comprehensive energy efficiency policies. However, the state may find that there are significant benefits for its residents should it choose to do so. In the utility sector, the state could invest in local economic development to help customers realize meaningful savings by adjusting the utility business model so that utilities are encouraged to invest in cost-effective energy efficiency as a resource. For example, the state could adopt utility performance incentives that are tied to specific energy savings targets, or decouple utility revenues from sales volume through revenue regulation. North Dakota could also advance CHP systems as a reliable and cost-effective energy resource by removing barriers to development.